

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Western District of Pennsylvania

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

AMANDA NICHELLE DOWNS

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: CR 3:20-06-02

USM Number: 01588-509

Arthur T. McQuillan, Esquire

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) One and Two of the Indictment☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____
which was accepted by the court.☐ was found guilty on count(s) _____
after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a) and (e), and 2	Production and Attempted Production of Material Depicting the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	1/9/2019	I
18 U.S.C. §§ 2251(a)	Production and Attempted Production of Material Depicting	9/1/2019	II

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 11 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____☒ Count(s) Four ☒ is ☐ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

11/17/2022

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

STEPHANIE L. HAINES, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Name and Title of Judge

Date

November 28, 2022

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ADDITIONAL COUNTS OF CONVICTION

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and (e), and 2	the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor		

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

300 months at each of Counts 1 and 2, to be served concurrently.

☒ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

Defendant be permitted to participate in the 500 Hour RDAP Drug Treatment Program that is part of the Bureau of Prisons Program.

☒ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on _____.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on _____.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☐ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of:

Life at each of Counts 1 and 2, to run concurrently.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. ☐ You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. ☒ You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. ☒ You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. ☐ You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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ADDITIONAL SUPERVISED RELEASE TERMS

The Defendant shall have no contact by any means, including, but not limited to direct, indirect, or third-party contact, whether electronic, in-person, mail, telephonic, or through social media or online postings, with any of the minor victims in this case or any family members of the victims.

The Defendant shall report any change of address within 30 days to the United States Attorney's Office while any portion of the restitution remains outstanding; however, recognizing that restitution has not and will not be ordered as it has not been requested, the Court will remove that provision from the supervised release requirements.

The Defendant is prohibited from incurring any new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without prior written approval of the probation officer. The Court will leave that in place since she will be owing a special assessment.

The Defendant shall participate in a mental health assessment and/or treatment program approved by the probation officer, until such time as the Defendant is released from the program by the Court. The Defendant shall be required to contribute to the costs of services in an amount determined by the probation officer. These costs shall not exceed the actual cost of the service. The Probation Office is authorized to release the Defendant's presentence report to the treatment provider if so requested.

The Defendant shall participate in a program of testing and, if necessary, treatment for substance abuse, said program to be approved by the probation officer, until such time as the Defendant is released from the program by the Court. Further, the Defendant shall be required to contribute to the costs of services for any such treatment in an amount determined by the probation officer but not to exceed the actual cost. The Defendant shall submit to one drug urinalysis within 15 days after being placed on supervision and at least two periodic tests thereafter.

It is further Ordered that the Defendant shall not intentionally purchase, possess and/or use any substances designed to simulate or alter in any way the Defendant's own urine specimen. In addition, the Defendant shall not purchase, possess and/or use any devices designed to be used for the submission of a third-party urine specimen.

The Defendant shall provide the probation officer with access to any requested financial information.

The Defendant is permitted to possess or use a computer and is allowed access to the Internet. However, the Defendant is not permitted to use a computer, or other electronic communication or data storage devices, including a cell phone, to access child pornography or to communicate with any individual or group for the purpose of promoting sexual relations with children. The Defendant shall consent to the installation of any hardware or software to monitor any computer, or other electronic communication or data storage devices used by the Defendant to confirm compliance with this condition. The Defendant shall pay the monitoring costs as directed by the probation or pretrial services officer. Furthermore, the Defendant shall consent to periodic unannounced examinations by the probation or pretrial services officer of any computers, cell phones, or other electronic communication or data storage devices that the Defendant has access to, to confirm compliance with this condition. Additionally, the Defendant shall consent to the seizure and removal of hardware and data storage media for further analysis by the probation or pretrial services officer, based upon reasonable suspicion of a violation of the conditions imposed in this case or based upon reasonable suspicion of unlawful conduct by the Defendant. Failure to submit to the monitoring or search of computers and other electronic communication or data storage devices used by the Defendant may be grounds for revocation.

If the Defendant's employment requires the use of a computer, the Defendant may use a computer in connection with the employment approved by the probation or pretrial services officer, provided the Defendant notifies their employer of the nature of the conviction or charge. The probation or pretrial services officer shall confirm compliance with this notification requirement.

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The Defendant shall provide the U.S. Probation Office with accurate information about the Defendant's entire computer system (hardware or software) and other electronic communication or data storage devices or media to include all passwords used and the name of the Internet Service Providers. The Defendant also shall abide by the provisions of the Computer Restrictions and Monitoring Program approved by the Court.

The Defendant shall submit her person, property, house, residence, vehicle, papers, business, or place of employment, to a search, conducted by a United States probation or pretrial services officer at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner, based upon reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a violation of a condition of supervision. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation. The Defendant shall inform any other residents that the premises may be subject to searches pursuant to this condition.

The Defendant shall not possess or access with intent to view any materials, including pictures, photographs, books, writings, drawings, videos, or video games depicting and/or describing child pornography as defined at 18 U.S.C. § 2256(8), or obscene visual representations of the sexual abuse of children as defined at 18 U.S.C. § 1466A.

With the exception of brief, unanticipated and incidental contacts, to include the Defendant's place of employment and/or volunteer activity, the Defendant shall not associate with children, under the age of 18, except in the presence of an adult who is aware of the nature of the Defendant's history, characteristics, and/or convictions and has been approved by the probation officer.

The Defendant must participate in a sex offense-specific treatment program and follow the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer will supervise her participation in the program, namely the provider, the location, the modality, the duration, and intensity of which she takes part in this program. The Defendant shall be required to contribute to the costs of services in an amount to be determined by the probation office and these costs shall not exceed the actual cost of this service.

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The Defendant must submit to periodic polygraph testing at the discretion of the probation officer as a means to ensure that she is in compliance with the requirements of her supervision or treatment program. She is required to contribute to the costs of services in an amount determined by the Probation Office but these costs will not exceed the actual cost of the service.

As required by the United States Code and the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act, the Defendant shall report the address where she will reside and any subsequent change of residence to the probation officer responsible for Defendant's supervision, and she shall further register as a convicted sex offender in any state where she resides, is employed, carry on a vocation, or a student.

The Defendant shall not frequent and/or loiter within 500 feet of places where children congregate on a regular basis, such as, but not limited to, schools; playgrounds; children's toy and/or clothing stores; video arcades; daycare centers; swimming pools; zoos; amusement parks; or other places primarily used or that can reasonably be expected to be used by children under the age of 18, without prior permission of the probation officer.

The Defendant shall not photograph and/or videotape any child under the age of 18 without the written consent of their parent or legal guardian who is aware of the nature of Defendant's history, her characteristics and her convictions and has been approved by the probation officer.

The Defendant shall forfeit to the United States any right, title, or interest she has in the items that are specifically detailed in the forfeiture allegation of the Indictment.

The Court finds that the Defendant does not have the ability to pay a fine and, therefore, the imposition of a fine is waived in her case.

It is further Ordered that the Defendant shall pay to the United States a mandatory special assessment of \$200, which shall be paid to the District Court forthwith.

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The Court further finds that the Defendant is financially unable to pay the JVT A and AVAA assessments and therefore imposition of those assessments are waived and no restitution has been ordered as there has been no restitution amount requested.

The Court does recommend that Defendant be permitted to participate in the 500 Hour RDAP Drug Treatment Program that is part of the Bureau of Prisons Program.

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The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>
TOTALS	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☐ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss***</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
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TOTALS	\$ _____	0.00	\$ _____	0.00
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☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

☐ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☐ the interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution.

☐ the interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

* Amy, Vicky, and Andy Child Pornography Victim Assistance Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-299.

** Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.

*** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A** ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 200.00 due immediately, balance due
- ☐ not later than _____, or
- ☐ in accordance with ☐ C, ☐ D, ☐ E, or ☐ F below; or
- B** ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C** ☐ Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D** ☐ Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E** ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F** ☐ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☐ Joint and Several

Case Number Defendant and Co-Defendant Names (including defendant number)	Total Amount	Joint and Several Amount	Corresponding Payee, if appropriate
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- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:
any right, title or interest she has in the items that are specifically detailed in the forfeiture allegation of the Indictment.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) AVAA assessment, (5) fine principal, (6) fine interest, (7) community restitution, (8) JVTa assessment, (9) penalties, and (10) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.